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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Board Candidates Express Views

Before voting in the annual school-board election for Romulus Community Schools, be sure to check out our June 1 issue, when candidates Kenneth Berlinn, Cheryle Buckley, Richard Coate, April Frayer, and Patricia Johnson will be invited to express their views on a number of relevant issues.

Voters will be asked to choose two of the five candidates on Monday, June 11.

### City Offers Residents Free Dumping

Residents of Romulus are invited to take advantage of the City's annual Free Dumping Week program at the DPW, set for May 19–26 (except Sunday, May 20).

For details, please see the Community Calendar on page 10.

### City-wide Rummage Sale: May 31–June 3

The annual Romulus City-wide Rummage Sale has been scheduled for Thursday, May 31, through Sunday, June 3. Flyers listing participants' addresses will be available at the Romulus Recreation Center (36516 Bibbins), and will also be published in local newspapers (see page 11).

### Park Rededication Honors McAnally

Former mayor Beverly McAnally will be honored on Saturday, May 19, 2001, when the City of Romulus will rededicate Cordell Park in her name.

"As a councilmember, treasurer, and mayor, Beverly McAnally gave 22 years of continuous service to this community," said Councilman William Wadsworth, Jr., who introduced the rededication resolution at the City Council's December 27, 2000 meeting. "No one in Romulus is more deserving of recognition than she is."

The rededication ceremony will be held in the park (north of Beverly Road, four streets east of Middlebelt) beginning at 11 a.m. □

## Barth Elementary Honored with Muth Award



Celebrating their school's receipt of the Muth Award for excellence in leadership are Barth Elementary staff members (from left) Rob Baty (sixth-grade teacher), Charles Wood (resource teacher), Gail Perkins (learning specialist), Barb Fortune (secretary), Lori Fritz (fourth-grade teacher), Michael Blackburn (fifth-grade teacher), and Diane Golka (principal). See story on page 2.

## Sun Applies for "Nonhazardous" Well Permit

By Kristi Stephens

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5 office, has announced that it plans to issue Sun Pipeline a permit for the construction and operation of a Class I nonhazardous-waste disposal well at the company's Inkster Terminal Facility in Romulus. The well will be used to dispose of brine that is produced when underground salt deposits are dissolved to open up caverns for the storage of liquid petroleum gases.

The proposed site is southwest of the Ecorse Road/Inkster Road intersection, less than a mile from the already approved Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) hazardous-waste well on Citrin Drive.

Although operation of both the EDS and Sun wells will involve injecting wastes into porous rock formations that are separated from underground sources of drinking water (USDW) by thousands of feet of basically impermeable rock, there are major differences between the two.

"While the requirements for a Class I nonhazardous well are stringent, they are not as strict as those for a hazardous-waste well," said Valerie Jones, Chief of EPA Region 5's Underground Injection Control program. "That's because, in the highly unlikely event of a leak, the contamination that would result from a nonhazardous well would not be as detrimental."

Olivia Summons, company spokesperson, said that Sun Pipeline will do nothing to put its license or permit at risk.

"We take responsibility for sound environmental stewardship with respect to these [types of] wells and all that the company does in the environmental arena," she stated.

According to Summons, Sun's Romulus well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 3,900 feet (as opposed to the EDS well, which will be about 1,000 feet deeper), and will be cased and cemented to prevent the movement of fluids into any USDW. Testing of the injected fluids is to be performed on

a regular basis. Test results will be sent to the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, as will all other reports required by the permit.

"Sun Pipeline has no intention of disposing of anything but brine," Summons explained. "The salt water is not contaminated. The injection of any hazardous fluid is prohibited by the permit. Our permit does not allow us to inject hazardous liquids."

Romulus Mayor William M. Oakley said that the City has not adopted an official position with regard to Sun Pipeline's proposed disposal well.

"It really hasn't been discussed," he stated.

Still, one potentially sticky issue is that of "waste migration" – the horizontal movement of waste fluids.

In a letter that Oakley recently sent to people who own property in the vicinity of the EDS Citrin Drive site, he stated, "Experts predict that the fluids injected into [the EDS] well will gravitate away from the end of the injection pipe hori-

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## Letter to the Editor

### Lambert's Sponsorship "Inappropriate"

To the Editor:

What was political campaigning doing in Romulus Little League T-ball? I received my son's uniform shirt and was shocked that "Team Lambert" was printed across the uniform back.

On opening day, I approached Mr. Alan Lambert to let him know that I found it inappropriate for him to be a sponsor. He denied campaigning for mayor on the backs of five- and six-year-olds. The shirt does, however, state his Web address, which clearly identifies him as a candidate for mayor.

Romulus T-ball needs sponsors, not politics. Sponsors' funds pay for bats, balls, and other needed equipment. Politics do not help the league, children, or volunteers.

These children chose to play T-ball, not to be billboards for someone's political ambition. What does this say about the integrity and judgment of someone who is seeking a position of trust from fellow citizens?

Sincerely,  
Cecilia Burcroff  
Romulus

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*Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity. The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and brevity. □*

### Barth School Receives Muth Award

The Middle Cities Education Association (MCEA) has announced that Barth Elementary School is the winner of the 2001 Muth Excellence in Leadership Award. The award recognizes urban schools that have demonstrated leadership in school improvement—specifically, improvements that reflect gains in students' social and educational achievement. To be considered, a school must: show sustained improvement over time through multiple measures; be implementing a school-improvement strategy designed to meet the edu-

cational needs of all students; and show evidence of community, staff, and student involvement in and support of the school program.

"This is a very prestigious accomplishment," said Superintendent Joel R. Carr, who pointed out that Barth competed against schools from the MCEA's 32 other urban districts, representing 284,000 Michigan students, to win the award.

The school will be given a \$1,500 prize and a plaque at the MCEA's annual membership meeting in East Lansing on September 7, 2001. □

### Sun Applies for "Nonhazardous" Permit

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zontally and grow in diameter in much the same way a puddle would grow in size. The result of this would be that these compounds, even though hundreds of feet below the surface, would eventually cross property lines and find their way to your property, without your permission or authorization.

"The City of Romulus is investigating this to determine whether it is legally similar to trespassing. If it is, and you have not given permission, that may be grounds to halt their construction."

Since the wastes injected into Sun Pipeline's well would migrate in the same fashion, they have the same potential for "trespassing."

When asked whether a similar letter will be sent to owners of property near the Sun Pipeline site, Oakley replied that, based on his current understanding of the situation, he probably wouldn't initiate such a letter on his own. Whether or not the City will eventually

adopt a position in opposition to the Sun well due to trespassing issues—or other environmental concerns—remains to be seen.

Anyone who would like to view a copy of Sun Pipeline's draft permit may do so by stopping in at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, at Goddard, next to City Hall) or visiting the EPA's Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/r5water/uic/uic.htm>.

EPA Region 5 will be accepting public comment on the Sun Pipeline permit application through May 29, 2001. Written comments may be sent to the permit writer, Harlan Gerrish, via the Internet ([gerrish.harlan@epa.gov](mailto:gerrish.harlan@epa.gov)), or they may be mailed to:  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
DI Section, (Attention: Lisa Perenchio)  
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It is not yet known whether the EPA will schedule a public hearing about the Sun Pipeline permit. □



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Johanna O'Grady-Ward, Court Administrator; Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green; and Judges Brian A. Oakley and William J. Szlinis gave the visitors a special welcome.

Among those who attended the event were:

- two-year-old Jerilynn Chapp, the daughter of Melissa Chapp (Probation Dept.);
- Joey Coffee, age six, son of Tracey Coffee (Civil Dept.);

- Joshua Green, age seven, son of Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green;
- Alex DeBacker, twelve, grandson of Judge William Szlinis;
- Stephanie Jensen, twelve, daughter of Sue Jensen (Criminal Dept.; serving on jury duty); mentored by Dawn Springer (Criminal Dept. Supervisor);
- Tyler Johnson, seven, son of Michelle Johnson (Criminal Dept.);
- Brittany Martin, daughter of Kim Martin (Criminal Dept.);
- Donald Myles Jr., nine, grandson of Jackie Russell (Civil Dept.);
- Lyndsey Robbins, daughter of Carrie Robbins (Criminal Dept.);
- Shantrice Tatum, eleven, granddaughter of Jackie Russell; mentored by Linda Palmatier (Civil Dept.);

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## Romulus Dad Enjoys an "Erie" Experience with His Son

By Larry Hartz Sr.

How many people have an opportunity to watch their children at work?

I recently spent six days at work with my son, Larry Hartz Jr., a former student at St. Aloysius Catholic School and a 1997 graduate of Romulus High School. What makes this unusual is that Larry Jr. is an electronics technician aboard the Navy cruiser, *U.S.S. Lake Erie*. A few family members are allowed on board each year for what is called a Tiger Cruise.

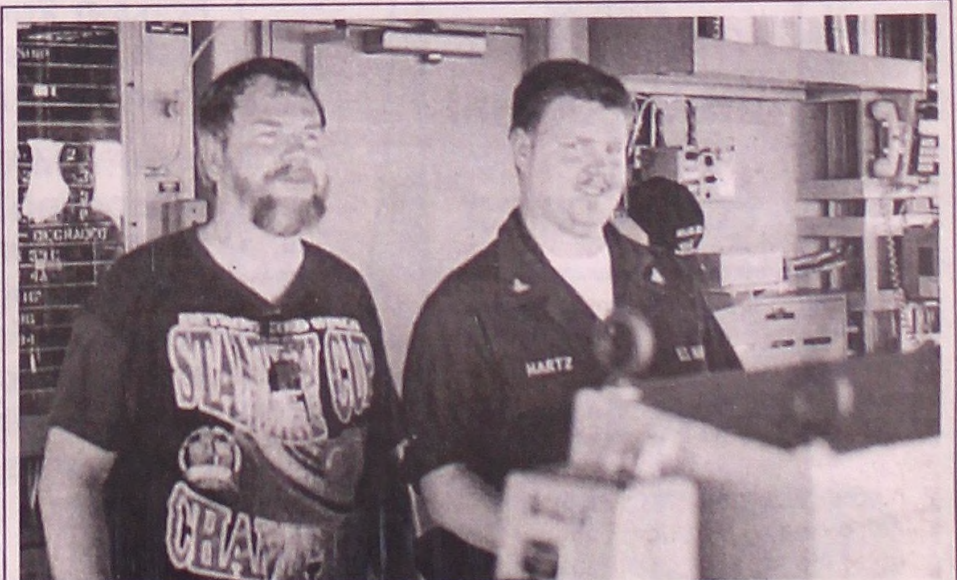
This year, the ship left Seattle, Washington, for a six-day trip to Pearl Harbor. I spent most of my son's 12-hour shifts with him, finding my way around and learning about some of the equipment that he works on, like radar and computers. (In addition to his duties, he is also working at qualifying for Master Helmsman.)

Imagine my pride, standing next to my son - the same one who gave me half of the gray hair I have now when I taught him how to drive just six short years ago - now piloting a 300-man missile cruiser past the *Missouri* and *Arizona* memorials into Pearl Harbor.

The six days on board went very fast, as they showed us around the ship and demonstrated some of its capabilities and weapon systems.

On the last day, the ship made its rendezvous with the *U.S.S. Yukon* to refuel at sea. Later, we had a barbecue picnic. If he had planned it, the Captain couldn't have done a better job of arranging the timing, for when the picnic was over, we sighted the north shore of Oahu.

I wasn't the only visitor on board who couldn't wait to walk on a floor that didn't move! □



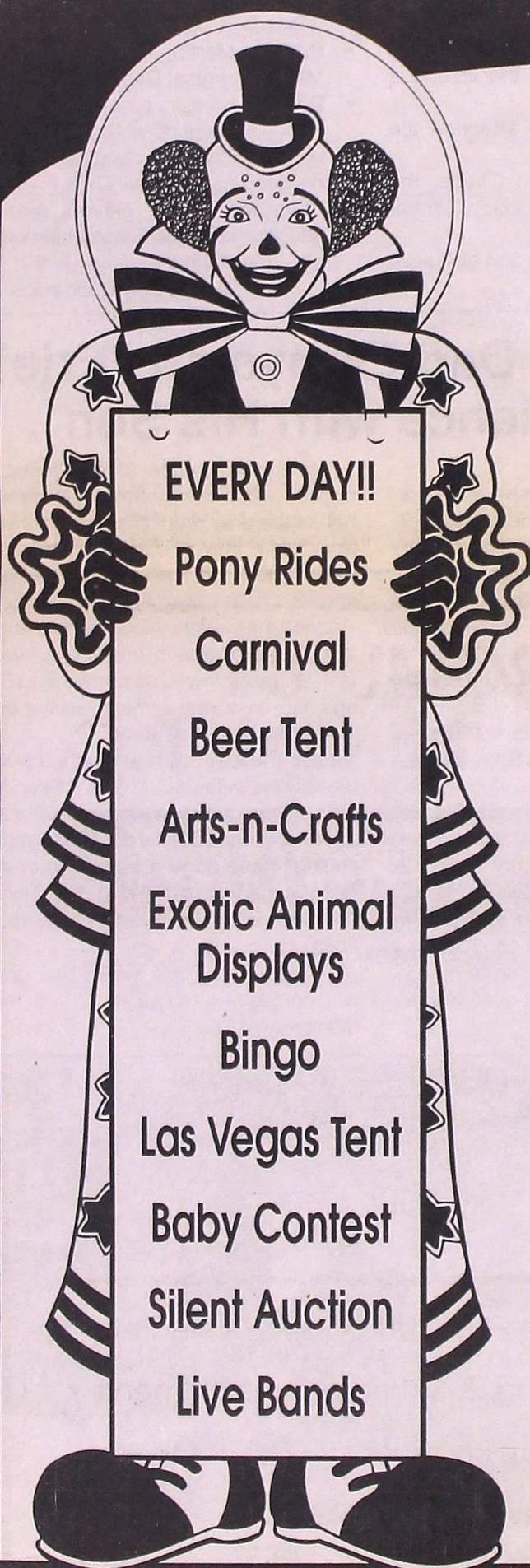
Larry Hartz Sr. and Jr., aboard the *U.S.S. Lake Erie*.



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- **Parks-n-Rec Fish Fry** (Pavilion/ 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
- **Animal Magic Show** - Free (Fairgrounds/6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- **Trilogy Band** (Pavilion/6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
- **Teen DJ & Karaoke** (Comm. Center Teen Room/8 p.m. to 11 p.m.)
- **Celebrity Donkey Races** - Tickets (Arena/8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.)
- **The Shivvers Band** (Pavilion/ 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)

## SATURDAY, MAY 26

- **Memorial Parade** (Corner of Judd & Sumpter Rds./12 p.m. Step-off)
- **Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom** (Fairgrounds/ 12 p.m. to Close)
- **Southwest Band** (Pavilion/1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)
- **Scorpio & Fantasy Show** (Fairgrounds/ 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.)
- **Animal Magic** (Fairgrounds/2 p.m. - One Show Only)
- **Cedar Creek Country Band** (Pavilion/5 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
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- **Young Country Band** (Pavilion/9 p.m. to Close)
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## SUNDAY, MAY 27

- **Country Fest Car Show** (Fairgrounds/12 p.m. to 4 p.m.)
- **The Karlettes - '60s Gals Group** (Pavilion/12 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
- **Parks-n-Rec Chicken & Ribs Dinners** (Fairgrounds/3 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
- **Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies** (Pavilion/4 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
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## MONDAY, MAY 28

- **Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom** (Fairgrounds/12 p.m. to Close)
- **The Ed Zelenak Band/Polka & Variety** (Pavilion/12 p.m. to 2 p.m.)
- **LaTrinity Raggaie/Calypso Band** (Pavilion/4 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
- **Scorpio & Fantasy Show** (Fairgrounds/5 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
- **Silent Auction/Baby Contest Winners Announced** (Pavilion/7 p.m.)
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## The Mayor's Chair

### Annual Cleanup Was "Sweeping" Success



Elected officials – including Mayor William M. Oakley (top, left), City Councilman William Crova (top, third from left), 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley (top, right), and City Treasurer Pamela Morrison-Kersey (bottom, left) – worked alongside fellow citizens during "Operation: Clean Sweep." Altogether, dozens of people volunteered to help give Romulus a city-wide "spring cleaning."

By Mayor William M. Oakley, City of Romulus

The City of Romulus's "Operation: Clean Sweep" program was again a great success, thanks to the selfless contribution of many community groups and individual citizens who came together to make a real difference in our city. The result of Clean Sweep – an annual event where volunteers are provided with gloves and plastic bags, then asked to spend their Saturday morning picking up trash – is that it has made a noticeable impact on the look of our city. More importantly, though, it has made a real impact on the feeling of pride, community, and accomplishment experienced by those who got personally involved.

I believe that citizen involvement has always been the magical ingredient in our city. Citizens who devote their time and energy to helping make Romulus a better, safer, and friendlier place to live and work have made a far greater difference than they may ever know. To try and list all the volunteers who come to our aid when we need them – members of boards, commissions, civic and

youth organizations, and faith-based groups, as well as our own neighbors – would be a monumental task. Consider, also, the contribution of those who serve (and have served) as members of the Romulus Volunteer Fire Department, and their willingness to place their own safety at risk to help protect our lives and property.

Romulus volunteers have sacrificed much to be involved in our community. Their time away from family and their talents and accomplishments are greatly appreciated by a community that has benefited so much from their contributions. On behalf of a grateful city, thank you all. Your actions have improved the quality of our lives and helped to make Romulus a city we can all be proud of. □

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### Volunteers Make a Clean Sweep

By David Cox, Assistant to Romulus Mayor William M. Oakley

The City of Romulus's fourth annual "Operation: Clean Sweep" went forward as planned on Saturday, May 12, with dozens of volunteers fanning out across Romulus to retrieve the debris tossed from car windows or allowed to blow off the back of trucks. The volunteers filled trash bags with paper, plastic, and glass bottles found at the side of the roadways and in drainage ditches. Hundreds of garbage bags were filled with trash that would otherwise be left to litter Romulus roadways. The combined haul filled two ten-yard roll-off dumpsters located behind the new Department of Public Works building on Wayne Road.

"It was a good day," commented Mayor William M. Oakley. "Crews worked on nearly every major street in Romulus, paid attention to several side streets, cleaned up several public property areas, and planted flowers downtown."

Citizen volunteers were assisted by those ordered to do community service through the 34th District Court. Ironically, Judge Brian A. Oakley, who may well have sentenced

many of the District Court workers himself, was found working right along side them.

In another twist, DPW Director David J. Paul was busy picking up Harrison Road with the help of his wife Nancy. Paul, who usually directs the work-load for crews, admitted that he was not in charge this day.

"I brought the boss with me this time," he explained.

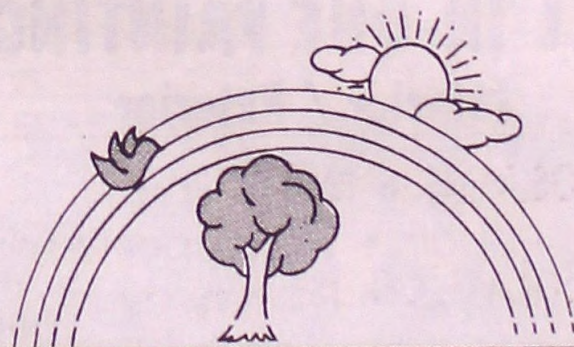
Romulus City Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, who has volunteered every year of the event, brought the idea for "Clean Sweep" forward. His argument seems to have been a good one, as most volunteers have logged two or more years thus far. Community groups such as Boy Scout Troop #872 have helped to make "Clean Sweep" a real success.

Anyone interested in taking part in next year's "Clean Sweep" can do so by contacting the Mayor's office at 734-942-7500. Also, persons wishing to make a clean sweep of their own collection of unwanted debris may take it to the Romulus DPW building between May 19 and May 26 (except for Sunday, May 20) during Spring Cleanup Week. For more information, call 734-942-7579. □

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## Police Explorers Begin Their Quest for "Governor's Cup"



(From left) Joseph Miller, Jason Gibson, Justin Benci, Jason Orme, Tiara Adams, Christine Milligan, and Lynette Bailey.

On April 7, 2001, the Romulus Police Explorers – an organization of local youths who have an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement – participated in the statewide Police Explorers Competition, held at Alpena Air National Guard Base in northern Michigan. It was the first such competition for the Romulus group, which was established in September 1995.

Explorers members include three 19-year-old college students, Lieutenant Jason Orme, Sergeant Tiara Adams, and Sergeant Justin Benci, as well as Explorers Jason Gibson (an 18-year-old senior at Romulus High School), Joseph Miller (RHS sophomore, age 15), Christine Milligan (RHS freshman, 15), and Lynette Bailey (RHS freshman, 14).

Participants in the annual statewide competition were judged in five categories: felony traffic stop, building

search, domestic violence intervention, crime scene search, and traffic accident investigation. The Romulus group took home the first-place medal in "crime scene investigation" and ranked fifteenth overall out of the 26 groups competing. The first-place trophy, also known as the Governor's Cup, was taken home by the Bay City Explorer Team.

"Given the maturity level and intelligence of the current Romulus Explorers, I have no doubt we will take home the Governor's Cup next year," said Officer Jeff Lazarski, Romulus Post Advisor. "I am very proud of our group."

"At the awards ceremony, it was noted that this was the only time a first-time participating group took home a first-place medal," he added.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in finding out more about the Romulus Police Explorers, contact Lazarski at 734-942-6877. □

## Well-attired Choir Thanks Supporters



The 2000–2001 Romulus High School Concert Choir members show off the new robes that they were able to purchase thanks to the community's generous support of their recent fund-raiser, which garnered about \$1,000.

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## Romulus Vocal Students Excel at Solo & Ensemble Festivals

Students from Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School received a total of nine first-division ratings and two second-division marks at the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Henry Ford Community College earlier this year.

Mrs. Judith Barthwell, vocal-music teacher at both schools, was extremely pleased.

"This was the largest and best showing at the festival for this level of vocal students," Barthwell commented.

High School students earning first-division ratings at the district festival were Amy Bowman (junior), Chanté Graham (senior), James Martin (freshman), Elizabeth Murphy (junior), Mar-

keda Rucker (sophomore), Steven Smith (junior), and Rhoda Walton (senior). Amanda McCowan (senior) and Melzina Thompson (sophomore) received second-division marks.

The High School's elite choir group, called Pleasant Sounds, earned a first-division rating.

Among Middle School students, the sole vocalist to receive top marks was seventh-grader Michelle Nelson.

On April 6, students who earned first-division ratings at the district level advanced to compete in the state festival, where the Pleasant Sounds choir earned another first-division mark, while the soloists all received second-division scores. □



The 2000–2001 Pleasant Sounds, who received a first-division rating at both the district and state solo & ensemble festivals, include (from left): Ileena Hill, Bianca Barrera, Cat Sutter, Edmund Bowen, Chanté Graham, Steven Smith, Melzina Thompson, Jeremiah Yeager, James Smith, Vicki Stevens, Rhoda Walton, Jodi Bright, and Amy Bowman. (Not pictured: Elizabeth Murphy and Markeda Rucker.)

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## District Departments Report to Romulus Board of Education

One of the regular features at meetings of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education is a special report to the Board by district departments. These reports focus on new developments and strategies that are being implemented for each subject area during the current school year.

Curriculum Director Tom Dolan's department heads make colorful power-point and video presentations about the curriculum at the elementary, middle-school, and high-school levels. Topics covered include the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program), new books, new materials (science kits, for example), and new techniques being employed by the teachers.

A good deal of time is spent reviewing past performance, especially on the MEAP tests, with staff members identifying and explaining new strategies and learning techniques designed to improve the test results.

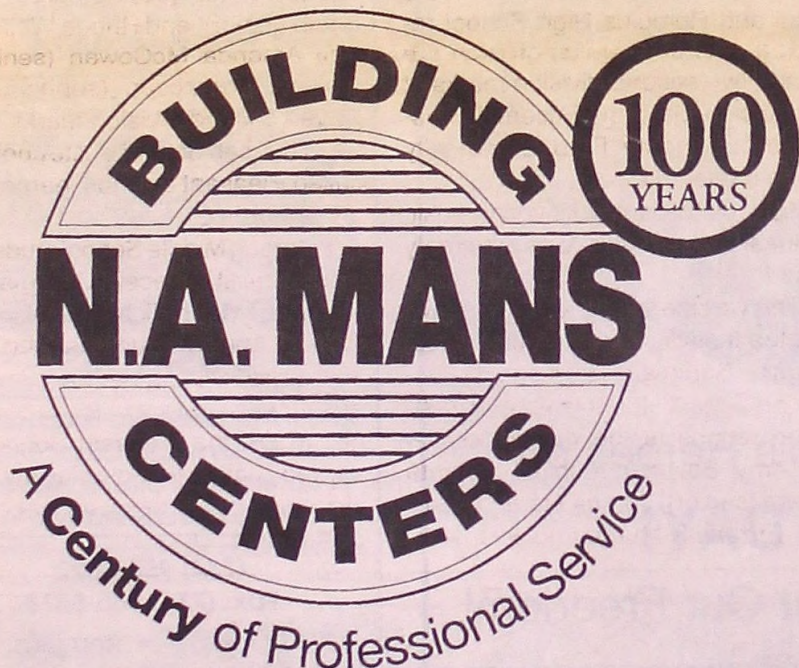
Board members are also presented with detailed written analyses about the areas covered in the presentations, and they may ask questions both during and after the sessions. □

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Science Department presenters included (from left) Chris Powers, Gay Warren, Sharon Grandell, Michael Hansen, Pat Adams, Phyllis Adkins, Wendy Blohm, and Paul Niedermeyer.



Speech Therapy presenters included (from left) Linda Denham (Merri-man), Kathy Robinson (Cory), Anne Smith (Halecreek), Becki Oz (Barth), Shirley Soltesz (Wick), and Jeffrey Royal (Director of Special Services).



Making the Social Studies presentation were (from left) Joe Murphy, Charles Kidwell, Shellie Moore, Don Foley, and Mary Blake.



Making the Language Arts presentation were (from left) Lynne Mossoian, Dan Hurst, Taneka Singleton, Chris Hobson, Serena Kessler, Barb Jaszcz, Cheryl Van Allen, Patti McCabe, Sandra Godbout, Molly McGlynn, and Christina Souva.



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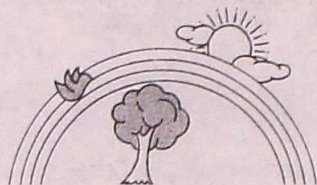
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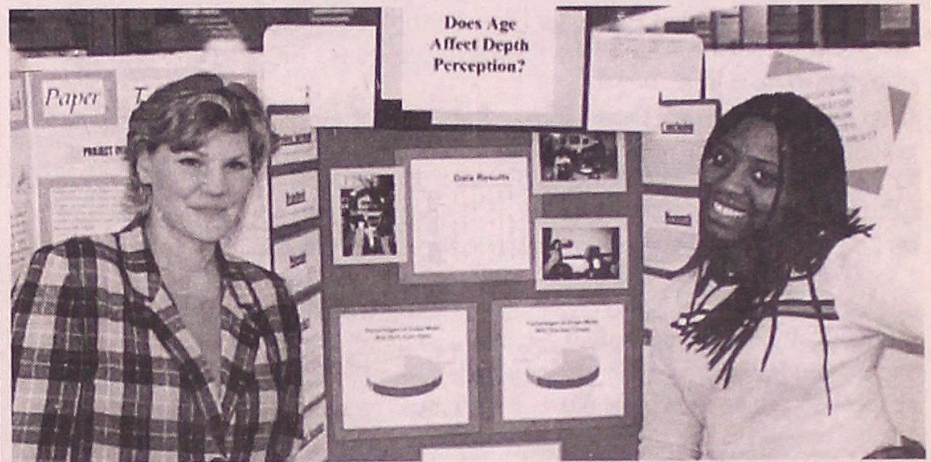
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# Around the District



Kathy Hurst (second from left), the district's service-learning director, and district staff members Debbie Juriga, Marge Olson, and Ed Clark (last three on the right) enjoyed sharing ideas with National Service Learning Commission visitors (from left) Kyle Caldwell, Chris Kwak, Minnie Pearce, and Isan Pingshen.



Sharon Grandell (left), eighth-grade science teacher and head of the Romulus Middle School science department, and Jessica Hudgens, Middle School student, enjoyed walking around to examine the exhibits (including this one, entitled "Does Age Affect Depth Perception?") at the school's recent Science Fair.



(From left) Steven Hicks, Trisha Wanamaker, James Mattson, and Phillip Vaghy did a line dance to "The Bus Stop" and sang "Supercalifragilistic-expialidocious" at Barth Elementary School's annual "Spring Fling" music program, held at the school on Thursday, May 10. The program – organized by music teachers Kevin Cook and Linda Maich – featured a variety of performances from students in all grade levels, and was a really big hit with everyone in attendance.



Collecting used eyeglasses for the Lions International organization are (from left): front row – Jeffery McKinney, Zachary Kamin, William Burton, Courtney Jordan, Amber White, and Sergio Garcia; middle row – Antoinique Mazzio, Michelle Flaishans, Chelsea McLaughlin, Brittney Blackburn, and Sierra Gilmore; back row – Jaime Swagman (student teacher), Audra Rac, Stephanie Myles, Karli Gibson, Kaylynn Labeau, Laura Terrell, Chris Maglar, and Pat Coleman (teacher).



The annual Family Fun and Awareness Day program at Romulus High School was aptly named, with kids like (from left) Kasandra Coatsworth, Jessica Coatsworth, Brittney Poma, and Elizabeth Hardoin enjoying the focus on fun . . .



. . . while others, including (from left) Rose Bellard, Denaca Schilz, and Carmella Williams, were more interested in the emphasis on health and safety awareness. The annual event is co-sponsored by the Mayor's Drug Task Force and the High School's Health Occupations program.



## Community Calendar

- **Car Washes Raise Money for Cancer, Girls' Softball** – The Romulus High School Girls' Varsity and JV Softball Team will be conducting a couple of car washes to raise money for athletic trainer Matthew Drake's 100-mile "Strides for Life" cancer run as well as their own athletic program. The car washes will be held at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road, across from McDonald's) on consecutive Saturdays (May 19 and May 26) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **City Sponsors Free Dumping** – The City of Romulus is offering its residents free dumping on the following dates: Saturday, May 19 (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.); Monday through Friday, May 21–25 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.); and Saturday, May 26 (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.). *For that week only*, dumpsters will be located at the Department of Public Works (DPW) building (located at 12600 Wayne Road). Materials unacceptable for disposal include: tree trunks, tree limbs, or other yard waste; liquid wastes such as petroleum products, chemicals, and paint; concrete and dirt; and large items such as sheds, boats, and cars or car engines. A maximum of four tires will be accepted from each household, but they must be dumped separately from any other debris. The following rules apply: all users must be able to show proof of residency; a maximum of two loads per day may be dumped; the dumping area is entered "at your own risk"; unsupervised children are not allowed on the premises; and no commercial dumping is allowed. For more information, please call the DPW: 734-942-7579.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony** – Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 invites the public to attend its Memorial Day program, to be held at the Post's home (39270 Huron River Drive) on Sunday, May 27, beginning at noon. Refreshments will be served in the club room following the ceremonies.
- **Registration for Women's Softball** – Now through June 1, the Romulus Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its Women's Monday/Wednesday Softball League. Cost is \$375 per team, which includes umpire fees and balls. A minimum of 14 games will be played. *There is no residency requirement.* For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- **Early Registration for Flyers Football/Cheerleading** – Early registration for the Romulus Flyers football and cheerleading programs (for ages 8 to 13) will be held at the Romulus Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins in the downtown area) on Friday, June 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registrants must be accompanied by an adult; must bring proof of residence and an original birth certificate; and must be prepared to pay a registration fee of \$30 for one child/\$15 for each additional family member. Squads fill up quickly, so early arrival is recommended. For more information, call Dan Behnke (734-941-6147) or John Wester (734-467-7012); *please do not call the Recreation Center*, which is in no way affiliated with the Romulus Flyers.
- **A-T Fun Day** – A series of events scheduled for Saturday, June 2, will raise money for children like Bradley Bills, a 13-year-old Romulus resident who suffers from ataxia-telangiectasia. A-T progressively destroys the part of the brain that controls leg, arm, and eye movements, as well as the ability to swallow and breathe. Events will include the 4th annual A-T Walk for a Cure at Wick Elementary School (registration – 9 a.m.; walk – 10 a.m.); the 1st annual A-T Car Show at Romulus Progressive Hall (12 to 5 p.m.; registration – 11 a.m.); and the 1st annual A-T Dinner Dance at Romulus Progressive Hall (7 p.m. to 1 a.m.). Sponsor forms for the walk are available at Barth and Wick elementaries and Romulus Middle School; Car Show info is available by calling Don Giese at 734-753-9740; and Dinner Dance tickets (\$20 per person/\$30 per couple) are available at Barth, Wick, and the Middle School. For general information, contact Bob or Denise Bills (734-326-4610).
- **Adult Ed Programs** – Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education is offering special spring and summer classes for community members who do not have their high-school diplomas and for adults who would like to improve their computer skills. For details about GED classes (starting June 18) and Microsoft Office 2000 classes (starting May 29), call 734-941-0610.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## Jump Rope for Heart



Wick Elementary School's physical-education teachers, Nancy Baziuk and Anthony Holyszko, prepared their students to take part in the annual "Jump Rope for Heart" fund-raiser for the American Heart Association.



Taking part in the "Jump Rope for Heart" fund-raiser held at Merriman School were (from left) Gislain Bien-Aime, Ashley Fitzpatrick, Carmella Ghanem, Raeshawn Lightsey, Narjis Sheikh, and Megan Hammonds.



Parent volunteers (back, from left) Anne Lammers, Lesa Brown, and Diane Zurawski helped to oversee Halecreek Elementary School's "Jump Rope for Heart" program.



## ATTENTION, BARGAIN HUNTERS!

More than 160 households are taking part in a City-wide rummage sale set for May 31 through June 3. (If two or more of the dates are rained out, the event will be postponed to June 7-10.) For your convenience, the City has compiled a list of sale sites, organizing it by geographic area to make possibly unfamiliar streets easier to find.

Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates:

31=Thurs., May 31; 1=Fri., June 1; 2=Sat., June 2; 3=Sun., June 3

### Beverly Road west of Wayne Road Area

6257 Irma (31, 1, 2, 3)  
Hannan Road to Wayne Road/  
Ecorse Road to I-94 Area

9515 Cogswell (31, 1)  
9575 Cogswell (1, 2, 3)  
35676 Herman (31, 1, 2, 3)  
36950 Herman (31, 1, 2, 3)  
37008 Herman (31, 1, 2, 3)  
36462 McBride (31, 1, 2, 3)  
37198 Menton (31, 1, 2, 3)  
37250 Menton (2, 3)  
9261 Ozga (1, 2, 3)  
10120 Ozga (31, 1, 2)  
10231 Ozga (31, 1, 2, 3)  
10731 Ozga (31, 1, 2, 3)  
11420 Ozga (2, 3)  
9393 Tobine (1, 2, 3)  
9724 Tobine (1, 2, 3)  
9900 Tobine (1, 2)  
37625 Tyler (1, 2, 3)  
38300 Tyler (1, 2)  
38051 Wick (1, 2)  
**Downtown Romulus Area**  
36633 Bibbins (31, 1, 2, 3)  
36515 Bibbins (1, 2)  
36908 Chase (31, 1, 2, 3)  
12080 Craig (1, 2, 3)  
12125 Craig (31, 1, 2, 3)  
36800 Ferndale (31, 1, 2)  
36883 Ferndale (31, 1, 2, 3)  
36915 Ferndale (31, 1, 2, 3)  
11037 Gabriel (31, 1, 2)  
35890 Goddard (31, 1, 2, 3)  
13606 Huron River Drive (1, 2)  
37510 Huron River Drive (31, 1, 2)  
11435 Hunt (1, 2, 3)  
11140 Olive (1, 2, 3)  
11150 Olive (1, 2, 3)  
11563 Olive (31, 1, 2, 3)  
37065 Porter (1, 2, 3)  
10036 Sterling (1, 2)  
10048 Sterling (2, 3)  
11015 Sterling (1, 2, 3)  
11100 Wayne (31, 1, 2)  
12080 Wayne (31, 1, 2, 3)  
**Huron Estates Subdivision Area**  
37613 Castle (1, 2)  
37824 Castle (2)  
36894 Chase (1, 2)  
12625 Hannan (2, 3)  
12836 Huron River Drive (31, 1)  
13606 Huron River Drive (1, 2)  
37609 Huron River Drive (31, 1, 2)  
13571 Kent (31, 1, 2, 3)  
38510 Superior (31, 1, 2, 3)  
38512 Wade (1, 2, 3)  
38536 Wade (1, 2, 3)  
38739 Wade (31, 1, 2, 3)  
38915 Wade (31, 1, 2)  
38317 Wabash (2, 3)  
38455 Wabash (31, 1, 2, 3)  
38945 Wabash (31, 1, 2, 3)  
37776 Walnut (2, 3)  
37802 Walnut (2, 3)  
38020 Walnut (2, 3)  
38242 Westvale (1, 2)  
38651 Westvale (31, 1, 2, 3)  
38657 Westvale (31, 1, 2, 3)  
38699 Westvale (31, 1, 2, 3)  
**Halecreek Subdivision Area**  
16276 Cedar Way (2, 3)  
28503 Cherry (1, 2)  
28568 Forestdale (31, 1, 2, 3)  
28528 Greenview (1, 2, 3)  
30166 Halecreek (2, 3)  
15471 Harriet (2, 3)  
15633 Harriet (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15661 Harriet (31, 1, 2, 3)  
13575 Harrison (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15547 Harrison (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15830 Knurlwood (3)  
15587 Larkdale Ct. (31, 1, 2)  
15143 Meadow (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15945 Meadow (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15840 Orchard (1, 2)  
29063 Riveroak (31, 1, 2, 3)  
29075 Riveroak (1, 2)  
15858 Springhill (2, 3)  
15144 Woodmont (31, 1, 2, 3)

### Van Born Road to I-94/Wayne Road to Inkster Road Area

6530 Ball (1, 2, 3)  
6554 Ball (31, 1, 2, 3)  
6868 Ball (31, 1, 2, 3)  
6916 Ball (31, 1, 2, 3)  
7007 Ball (1, 2)  
32341 Beverly (1, 2)  
34555 Beverly (31, 1, 2, 3)  
32195 Bruce (1, 2, 3)  
6008 Carnegie (1, 2, 3)  
6018 Carnegie (2, 3)  
6102 Colorado (31, 1, 2, 3)  
6140 Cordell (2, 3)  
7201 Dodge (2, 3)  
6215 Edmund (31, 1, 2, 3)  
28720 Ecorse (2, 3)  
32332 Ecorse (31, 1, 2, 3)  
6076 Fourth (31, 1, 2)  
29021 Joan (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15489 Maple (31, 1, 2, 3)  
35664 Smith (31, 1, 2, 3)  
36009 Van Born (31, 1, 2, 3)  
6609 Washington (31, 1, 2, 3)  
Birch Run Co-op (31, 1, 2, 3)  
6584 Wayne (31, 1, 2, 3)  
7186 Wayne (31, 1, 2, 3)  
7308 Wayne (31, 1, 2, 3)  
**Wayne Road/McDonald's Area**  
9464 Barry (2, 3)  
9465 Chamberlain (31, 1, 2, 3)  
9294 Essex (31, 1, 2, 3)  
9359 Essex (31, 1, 2, 3)  
9672 Essex (1, 2)  
9329 Lisa (31, 1, 2, 3)  
9509 Lisa (31, 1, 2, 3)  
34348 Lynn (31, 1, 2, 3)  
34408 Lynn (31, 1)  
34420 Lynn (2, 3)  
34435 Lynn (1, 2, 3)  
35061 Lynn (31, 1, 2, 3)  
9622 Marc (1, 2)  
9712 Marc (31, 1, 2, 3)  
34807 Michele (31, 1, 2)  
35043 Michele (31, 1, 2, 3)  
34754 Stewart (31, 1, 2, 3)  
34808 Stewart (31, 1, 2, 3)  
34820 Stewart (2, 3)  
9419 Terry (31, 1, 2, 3)  
9245 Washington (1, 2, 3)  
9681 Washington (1, 2)  
9480 Wayne (31, 1, 2)  
34445 Wick (1, 2)  
34517 Wick (1, 2, 3)  
34581 Wick (31, 1, 2, 3)

### Oakbrook Subdivision Area

15433 Anthony (31, 1, 2)  
15506 Brandt (2, 3)  
16208 Brandt (31, 1, 2)  
16468 Brandt (1, 2, 3)  
15236 Colbert (1, 2)  
15433 Colbert (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15817 Colbert (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15418 Collins (1, 2, 3)  
15434 Collins (1, 2, 3)  
15461 Collins (31, 1, 2)  
30715 Halecreek (31, 1, 2, 3)  
30729 Halecreek (31, 1, 2, 3)  
16172 Ironstone (2)  
16317 Ironstone (1, 2)  
30052 Jamestown (1, 2)  
30166 Jamestown (2, 3)  
16238 Oakbrook (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15545 Sandburg (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15617 Sandburg (2, 3)  
30039 Spain (1, 2)  
30089 Spain (31, 1, 2, 3)  
15423 Taft (2, 3)  
15557 Taft (1, 2)  
15759 Taft (2)  
15818 Taft (2, 3)  
16200 Taft (1, 2)

### Wick Road to Eureka Road/ east of Middlebelt Road Area

11560 Inkster (31, 1, 2, 3)  
**Middlebelt Road/Pennsylvania Road**  
16054 Dodge (31, 1, 2)  
16115 Dodge (31, 1, 2, 3)  
16347 Dodge (31, 1, 2, 3)  
28742 Pennsylvania (31, 1, 2)

## "Bring Your Child To Work Day" at Court

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- Rachel Rohn, five, daughter of Jerry Rohn (Criminal Dept.);
- Mallyn Ward, 23 months, daughter of the Court Administrator, Johanna O'Grady-Ward; and
- Lindsay Zachrey, granddaughter of Peggy Zachrey (Criminal Dept.).

"It was so nice to have an opportunity to show our youth how the judicial system operates and to afford them such a wonderful learning experience," said O'Grady-Ward.

One of the highlights of the day was a tour of the court and lock-up, conducted by Court Officer Al Hindman.

Another was a K-9 demonstration conducted by Terry Shoenbach (Van Buren Police Department employee and owner of the K-9 Academy) and his

partner, "Gator"; Donald Leonard (Romulus Police Department) with canine "Smokey"; Ken Toney, Van Buren Police Department, with canine "Harley"; and Mike Eggleton, Van Buren Police Department. During the hour-long demonstration of the K-9 officers' skills, on-lookers learned how the animals are controlled through hand gestures, and that they have to pass rigorous tests in the areas of obedience, narcotics detection, tracking, building and evidence searches, and aggression control.

"On this April day, our future employees and employers were seen and recognized for the tremendous value that they add to our society," said Brooks-Green. "'Take Your Child to Work Day' offered us the chance to meet the 'talent pool' early." □



(From left): front row – Dawn Springer, Tracey Coffee, Tyler Johnson, Joshua Green, Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green, Paul Ward (holding Mallyn Ward), Court Administrator Johanna O'Grady-Ward, and Lindsay Zachrey; second row – Stephanie Jensen, Alex Debacker, Michelle Johnson, Kim Martin, Brittany Martin, Linda Palmatier, Shantrice Tatum, Donald Myles Jr., Jackie Russell, Peggy Zachrey, and Jerry Rohn (holding Rachel Rohn).



(From left) K-9 officers Ken Toney, Van Buren Police Department, with "Harley"; Terry Shoenbach, Van Buren Police Department, with "Gator"; Donald Leonard, Romulus Police Department, with "Smokey"; and Mike Eggleton, Van Buren Police Department.



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### REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 23, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 23, 2001, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Michael D. Woods.

Roll call showed members Michael Woods, Kenneth Berlinn, Eva Webb, Alan Lambert, Betty Lenossi, and Billy McCraight present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4/01/16 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

4/01/17 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board approve the Minutes of April 9, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Michele DeLeo, 5th-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary, Effective June 16, 2001.

4/01/18 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Michele DeLeo effective June 16, 2001. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Leslie Dailey, Custodian "A", Lorena G. Burton Building, Effective April 23, 2001.

##### Bills for Payment

4/01/19 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Revised 2000/2001 General Fund Budget

4/01/20 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the Revised 2000/2001 Budget Report as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Disposal of Surplus Vehicles

4/01/21 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education declare the following as surplus maintenance vehicles: (1) 1987 Plumber's Van; (2) 1979 GMC Truck; and (3) 1985 GMC Truck. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Boiler Machinery Replacement

4/01/22 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education approve the low bidder, Temperature Services, Inc., for their bid of \$185,309.00, Bid Package 6 – Boiler Replacement – Cory & Mt. Pleasant Elementary. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Receptionist Workstation & CAIC Room(s)

4/01/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Webb that the Board of Education approve the purchase of equipment to provide receptionist workstation and furnishings for two (2) CAIC Rooms and one (1) Science Room at Romulus Elementary from e-qup at a total cost of \$51,371.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Debbie Dick entered the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

##### Preschool Presentation

William Musham, Director of Adult and Community Education; Kathy Van Valkenburg; and Gail Blanchard appeared before the Board of Education, providing an update on Curriculum of our preschool programs.

4/01/24 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve the Barth Elementary Safety Squad Trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, June 9, 2001. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications or expressions from the public.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communication – Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc.; 2) Romulus High School Graduates Dean's List; 3) Year-end Employee Picnic – June 14, 2001, at Elmer Johnson Park; and 4) Informed of Wrestling Golf Outing.

##### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Billy McCraight stated that lacrosse program is outstanding. Betty Lenossi addressed concerns about ample parking for High School graduation. Dick Kruse reported on students returning from France. Debbie Dick asked about when sign was going to be put up at Middle School; thanked Mr. Kruse regarding signs for track championship team; asked about elimination of front parking at Burton Building. Michael Woods suggested scheduling of study session to brainstorm on improvement of test scores and discussion of initiatives. Special study session scheduled for April 30, 2001, at 5:30 p.m., Board of Education offices. Billy McCraight thanked administration for cell phones for use only if out of range for bus drivers' radios.

4/01/25 Moved by Lenossi supported by Webb that the Board of Education approve one all-day kindergarten at each elementary school, Monday through Friday, for the 2001/2002 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

4/01/26 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eva W. Webb, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## RHS Students Enjoy Trip to France

After 15 days abroad, foreign-language teacher Rosa Russenberger and 13 Romulus High School students returned from their visit to France. The group departed from Detroit on April 9 and returned home April 23.

Undoubtedly, this experience will have a lifelong impact on the students. Away from home, family, and country, these first-time travelers were immersed in not only a new land, culture, and language, but also in the hearts of the French host families that took them in for a five-day "family stay" – which proved to be the best part of the trip for many of the students.

"I loved the bond that my family quickly developed," said Sultan Shar-

rief. "I was calling my 'parents' Maman and Papa within two days. I just didn't like that it had to end so soon."

"I loved everything about my family stay," added Antoinette Price. "They were funny, they helped me understand them, and – most importantly – they treated me like family."

Students also had an opportunity to visit an expansive area of France, starting in the Loire Valley, heading south to Provence, and continuing northeast to Annecy, where they enjoyed a visit to Chamonix and Mont Blanc in the French Alps.

The last few days were spent in Paris, where students saw sights like the Arc de Triomphe – world-famous monuments that they had previously seen only in their textbooks. □

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### STUDY SESSION, APRIL 30, 2001

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 30, 2001, was called to order at by President Michael D. Woods at 5:33 p.m.

Roll call showed members Debbie Dick, Billy McCraight, Eva Webb, Kenneth Berlinn, and Michael Woods present. Members Alan Lambert and Betty Lenossi were excused. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4/01/27 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### District Initiatives

Reports were given to the Board of Education by district principals regarding district initiatives (Curriculum Alignment and Assessment, Climate, School/Community Committee, Technology, and Healthy Living). The Board was provided with information pertaining to accomplishments for 2000-2001 school year and goals for the 2001-2002 school year.

##### Executive Session

4/01/28 Moved by Webb supported by Dick that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for personnel matters. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

4/01/29 Moved by Berlinn supported by Dick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eva W. Webb, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



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Please let us know if we can answer any questions.

*Donald Morris*

*Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations*

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### ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all our buildings. Considering the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire a personal copy, please notify the Director of Maintenance and Operations at our Administrative Offices and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Our Administrative Offices are located at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedure for dealing with this problem reflects that concern.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions concerning our Asbestos Management Plan.

*Donald Morris*

*Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations*

## Sassy Seniors

*By Mary E. Clark*

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

#### Health Check

On Friday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., representatives from the Oakwood Healthcare System will be at the Romulus Senior Center to perform blood-pressure checks, blood sugar tests, and total cholesterol and HDL cholesterol checks. The tests are available to people age 55 and up for \$5.

#### Pain Research

A young woman who is working toward her Master's Degree in nursing, and who is doing a research paper on chronic pain (defined as pain that persists for at least three months) and how senior citizens deal with this problem, will be conducting a program on the subject at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, May 31. Preregistration is required, since participation is limited. Sign up at the Center.

#### Center To Take Part in Annual City-wide Rummage Sale

The Romulus Senior Center will be taking part in the annual City-wide Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2. Seniors who have items to sell, but don't want to go through the hassle of "setting up shop" at home, are invited to come down to the Center to sell them. Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration is required.

#### Senior Softball

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for people age 50 and older who may be interested in playing softball for fun and exercise. No experience is necessary; just the desire to be with other fun-seeking individuals. Even if you don't want to play, your help is needed for cheering and moral support. For more information, drop in at the Center.

#### Haircuts Canceled

Although the Romulus Senior Center's monthly haircut service was canceled for May, it will resume next month at its regular time (9 a.m. on June 18). Appointments are recommended.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the facilities.

#### Senior Appreciation Picnic

The Senior Center's annual appreciation picnic will be held in the park behind the Center on Friday, May 25, beginning at noon. This year, entertainment will include a variety of table and card games that will allow seniors to pit their skills against the Romulus Middle School leadership students who will be on hand to share the fun. (In case of bad weather, the party will be moved inside.)

Although there is no charge to participate, early registration is required so that there will be plenty of food and prizes for everyone. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

#### Dance Classes Begin

Since many seniors have been expressing an interest in learning the "hustle" and the "cha-cha-slide," the Romulus Senior Center and instructor "Ms. Wilson" are sponsoring a free dance class on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 11 a.m. The program is a great way to exercise and also a lot of fun! Check with your doctor, then check in at the Center!

#### Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Damian Hull, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces always welcome.

#### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23.

As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

#### TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

#### Outside Chore Service

Area young people doing community-service work are available to perform outside chores for local senior citizens. To make arrangements to receive this service, call the Romulus Senior Center.

#### Volunteer Positions Open

The Romulus Senior Center is always looking for friendly volunteers who would like to become more involved in the Center by helping to plan and execute its various programs. To find out more about how you can give the priceless gift of caring, please contact Linda Norman, Program Coordinator. □

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## The Stork Arrived

### Christina Louise Ashley

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Christina Louise Ashley, are Bruce and Judy Ashley of Romulus, Michigan. Bruce is a long-time Romulus resident; Judy is formerly of Belleville, Michigan.

Christina was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 1:17 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2001, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

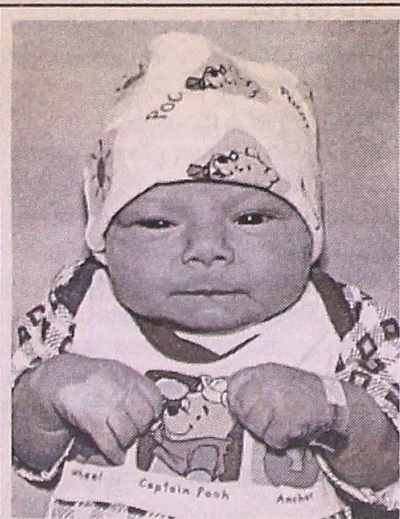
Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into their family were her maternal grandparents, James M. and Peggy J. Davis (Belleville), as well as numerous aunts and uncles: Richard and Joyce Evans (Romulus), Joe and Debbie Summers (Belleville), Mike and Diana Cude (Taylor, MI), Byron and Alice Ashley-Burt (Belleville), Jerry D. and



Christina Ashley

Nancy Ashley (Lewiston, MI), Leroy and Carol Ashley (South Branch, MI), Alvin Ashley (New Boston, MI), and Billy M. Ashley (Glendale, AZ).

### Nathaniel Jason-Kaine Daugherty



Nathaniel Daugherty

Jason and Jessica Daugherty of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Jason-Kaine Daugherty.

Nathaniel was born in Riverside Hospital (Trenton, MI) at 11:33 a.m. on June 24, 2000, weighing in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were siblings Alexis Daugherty and JeWelle Thomas-Duncan.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into their family were Nathaniel's paternal grandmother, Deb Daugherty (Romulus), and his maternal grandmother, Lydia Ramirez (Taylor, MI).

### Molly Kate Sampson

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Molly Kate Sampson, are Scott and Rhonda Sampson of Romulus, Michigan.

Molly was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 10:49 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2001, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into their family were his paternal grandparents, Ron and Hester Mostoller, and his maternal grandparents, Ronnie and Betty Tackett (all of Romulus). □



Molly Sampson

## Happy Anniversary!

### Frederick W. and Helen E. (Morris) Hay

More than 175 family members, friends, and former high-school classmates helped to celebrate the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Frederick W. and Helen E. Hay on Saturday, March 24, 2001, at the Romulus Progressive Hall. Both Fred and Helen are lifelong residents of Romulus and have lived at their present farm home at 14170 Huron River Drive since they first exchanged their nuptial vows on March 29, 1941.

Coordinating the anniversary celebration were the Hays' four children: Pearl Varner, Margie Baird, Fred Hay Jr., and Carla Cox.

Evening festivities included a brief introductory ceremony. A special highlight was a beautiful and difficult marimba solo, entitled "Flight of the Bumblebee," that was performed by the couple's 15-year-old grandson, William Frederick Cox of Belleville. Kathleen Hay, daughter-in-law of Helen and Fred, gave the invocation. Family and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner that included Swiss steak, chicken, mostaccioli, a selection of salads and vegetables, desserts, and a tiered anniversary cake. Following the meal, everyone was invited to view a large display of memorabilia including photographs, awards, and

videotapes depicting Fred and Helen's family life during the past six decades. Live dance music was provided by the talented Wiegenka brothers, known as "The Avalons." This band was the same group that played at the couple's wedding, as well as their fiftieth anniversary celebration. Band members were high-school classmates of Fred and Helen.

Among the special guests who attended the celebration were two of the attendants from the couple's wedding: Mercedes (Hay) Wagner, a favorite cousin of the groom and bridesmaid, and Pearl M. Morris, sister of Helen and pianist who played the couple's wedding march. Another guest of distinction was Mrs. Melba Herzog of Lakeview, who, at age 94, was the oldest guest. Herself an early teacher and principal at Romulus High School, Mrs. Herzog is the wife of the late Glenn W. Herzog, a former Superintendent of the Romulus public schools who dedicated 20 years to the district's early development. The Herzogs lived in the community until 1945.

Fred and Helen hope to celebrate their sixty-fifth anniversary with family and friends in the near future!

Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple. □



Frederick W. and Helen E. (Morris) Hay



# Obituaries

## Hugh F. Buckberry

Romulus native Hugh F. Buckberry died on Thursday, May 10, 2001, at the age of 83.

Hugh was born in the Kingsley House at Five Points (now a historical landmark on Hunt Street) on July 26, 1917. In 1935, he graduated from Romulus High School, where he played football and ran track. Hugh served his country as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps and, later, the Michigan Air National Guard. He was an employee of the Ford Motor Company and also owned his own tool & die shop on Huron River Drive near Wabash. (The shop is still there today, with his family home behind it.)

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Besides his affiliation with the Masonic Lodge of Wayne, Hugh's interests included his "first love," flying (he had a plane of his own), as well as western films (especially those starring John Wayne), railroad information/memorabilia, and military history.

He and his wife, Christine Kelly, were married August 14, 1937.

Hugh is survived by one son, Hugh E. "Rick" (Sharon) Buckberry (New Boston, MI); four daughters, Carolyn (Bill) Stone (Romulus, MI), Hester (Ron) Mostoller (Romulus), Deborah Buckberry (Beverly Hills, CA), and Jan (Cliff) St. Cyr (FL); one sister, Verna (Bill) Stubblefield (Wayne, MI); 17 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing him was his wife, who passed away on January 25, 1989.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

## Myron R. Hart

Myron R. Hart of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Monday, May 14, 2001. He was 54 years old.

The native of Warren, Ohio, was born on June 17, 1946.

Among those surviving Myron are his wife, Rita Hart; his stepmother, Louise Huber; one son, Paul (Christina) Johnson; one daughter, Jessica Hart; two brothers, Leight and Tim Hart; one

stepbrother, Gary; two stepsisters, Mrs. Susan (Fred) Hill and Mrs. Kim (Scott) Woodall; and one grandson, Jacob Johnson.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Leon Johnson (Bethesda Bible Church, Ypsilanti, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

## Mitzi A. Smolinski

Mitzi A. Smolinski of Wayne, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 8, 2001. She was 39 years old.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born June 28, 1961.

Among those surviving Mitzi are her fiancé, David Moore (Wayne, MI); her friend, Nancy Wilkins; her mother, Maxine Hans (Van Buren Twp., MI); four brothers, John (Sandy) Smolinski

(Lincoln Park, MI), Scott (Romulus, MI), Chris (Taylor, MI), and Jeffery Smolinski (Belleville, MI); a niece; and 3 nephews.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 9, at St. Anthony Catholic Church (Belleville, MI), with Father Tom Cusick officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

## Clinton E. White

Clinton E. White of Clearwater Beach, Florida, died on Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at the age of 85.

Born August 30, 1915, in Flynn Township (near Brown City, MI), Clinton was the son of William and Louisa (Griggs) Hillman. After graduating from Romulus High School (Romulus, MI), he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. During his career, Clinton drove a school bus and worked in the Romulus Community Schools' maintenance department, and was also employed as a machinist for Buckberry and Company. A member of the House of Prayer Church (Pinckney, MI), Clinton eventually retired to Clermont, Florida, where he played softball until age 72 and set a record at the Senior Olympics.

On September 5, 1936, Clinton married Elsie Cottrell. The two were together for 65 years until her death last January.

Clinton is survived by three children, Judith (Rudy) Strauss (Clearwater Beach), Pamela (Thomas) Maynard (Merritt Island, FL), and George (Carolyn) White (Howell, MI); 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and cousins Stanley Griggs, Helene VanConant, Louann Carver, Jim Isles, and Jim and George Smith.

Predeceasing him were his son Timothy and his brother, Billy Hillman.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 11, at Peck United Methodist Church. Burial was at Elk Township Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Carman Funeral Home (Peck, MI). □

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